

# One-Search Help

## Using SDPL's WebFeat Interface

SDPL is now providing a new way to search our databases both fast and easy. The interface is from [WebFeat](#) --a federated search engine, which allows you to search multiple databases simultaneously with a single query. We call our service "**One-Search**," and the One-Search name in this help document refers to our custom version of WebFeat.

In addition to the group or federated search, One-Search also allows you to search each database individually using a database's normal (regular) interface. All of the available SDPL Databases have been integrated into One-Search. You may also include the Library's Catalog in One-Search. Make sure all pop-up blocking software is disabled or configured properly to work with One-Search.

Please ask a Librarian or Library Staff member for help with One-Search, if needed.

## Basic Searching In WebFeat

SDPL One-Search

Enter search keywords

Keyword  Advanced Search

And  Keyword

Help with One-Search  
SDPL Web Home  
Library Catalog  
Magazines & Journals  
List  
Searching the Internet

Browse By Resource  
A | B | C | D | E | F  
| G | H | I | J | K | L  
| M | N | O | P | Q | R  
| S | T | U | V | W | X | Y | Z

Search by category OR scroll down to select individual resources

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic Search	<input type="checkbox"/> Health & Medicine
<input type="checkbox"/> Articles & News	<input type="checkbox"/> History, Geography & Maps
<input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Humanities	<input type="checkbox"/> Homework
<input type="checkbox"/> Biography & Genealogy	<input type="checkbox"/> Children/K-6
<input type="checkbox"/> Books & Publications	<input type="checkbox"/> Images & Photos
<input type="checkbox"/> Business & Investing	<input type="checkbox"/> Recursos en Espanol (Spanish Resources)
<input type="checkbox"/> Encyclopedias, Dictionaries, & Directories	<input type="checkbox"/> Science & Technology
<input type="checkbox"/> Government & Statistics	<input type="checkbox"/> All Resources

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Select a CATEGORY and type the word (s) into one or both of the One-Search search boxes. The default category is "Basic Search," and searches a selected number of broad databases to provide you a general overview of many searches.

You may choose to search the following fields:

**All:** Searches all the fields available in the WebFeat

**Keyword:** This is One-Search's default search

**Title:** Searches the title field

**Author:** Searches the author field

**Abstract:** Searches the abstract field

**Subject:** Searches the subject field

You may use the Boolean Operators (AND, OR, or NOT) to expand or limit your search. See later in the help document for more about operators.

### Searching Databases Directly

If you do not wish to search using the One-Search interface, simply select on the databases' name you wish to search and you will enter the native interface for that database. These links will open another browser window, so be sure you don't have pop-up windows blocked. The databases are listed in alphabetical order below the category boxes.

### Advanced Searching in One-Search



**All dates** is the default search in One-Search. Select **Year Range** to limit to items published within a specific date range, select this range in the drop down menu in the date range fields both **From:** and **To:**. If you wish only full text articles, click the **Full-Text Articles Only** box.



### Navigation Sidebar

The navigation sidebar can be used to connect to this help document anytime; go to the SDPL Home Page; go to the Catalog and Databases page for the Library Catalog and another way to directly access our databases; use of Magazines and Journal List (to find what titles we have in our collections, print or full-text); or go to our Searching the Internet page. You can also use the sidebar to Browse Databases by Titles.

## Categories

We have 14 categories for your use, pre-selected databases by our Library Staff. You can also select ALL databases, and include or not include the SDPL Catalog in your search results.

Select a category to see which databases are included in the search, add or remove selections, and then SEARCH.

Search by category OR scroll down to select individual resources

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic Search	<input type="checkbox"/> Health & Medicine
<input type="checkbox"/> Articles & News	<input type="checkbox"/> History, Geography & Maps
<input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Humanities	<input type="checkbox"/> Homework
<input type="checkbox"/> Biography & Genealogy	<input type="checkbox"/> Children/K-6
<input type="checkbox"/> Books & Publications	<input type="checkbox"/> Images & Photos
<input type="checkbox"/> Business & Investing	<input type="checkbox"/> Recursos en Espanol (Spanish Resources)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Government & Statistics	<input type="checkbox"/> All Resources

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Select a single or multiple categories, a specific list of databases or a sole database or select **All Resources** to search all databases. Be aware that searching for a broad topic such as “Vietnam” or “Animals” and selecting **All Resources** will yield an enormous list of results. Try to limit your search to specific terms, and categories or databases applicable to your search.

## Search Operators

The use of search operators is supported in One-Search. However, please be aware that One-Search merely passes the search to all of the databases through its translator codes unchanged. If a database does not support a given operator, it is dropped. This may cause inaccuracies in your search. Searching a large number of databases at the same time may increase the likelihood of false returns or hits in your results.

## Truncation

Use ? to replace a single character in a search term.

Example wom?n (retrieves woman, women)

Use \* to replace one or more characters at the end of a given search term.

Example Librar\* (retrieves library, libraries, librarians)

## Boolean Operators

Use **AND** to connect separate concepts. **AND** will narrow your search.

Examples: fish AND ecology                      wine AND food

Use **OR** to connect similar terms. **OR** will broaden your search.

Examples: atomic energy OR nuclear energy                      space OR universe

Use **NOT** to eliminate separate terms. **NOT** will narrow your search.

Example: television NOT cable                      TiVo NOT dvr

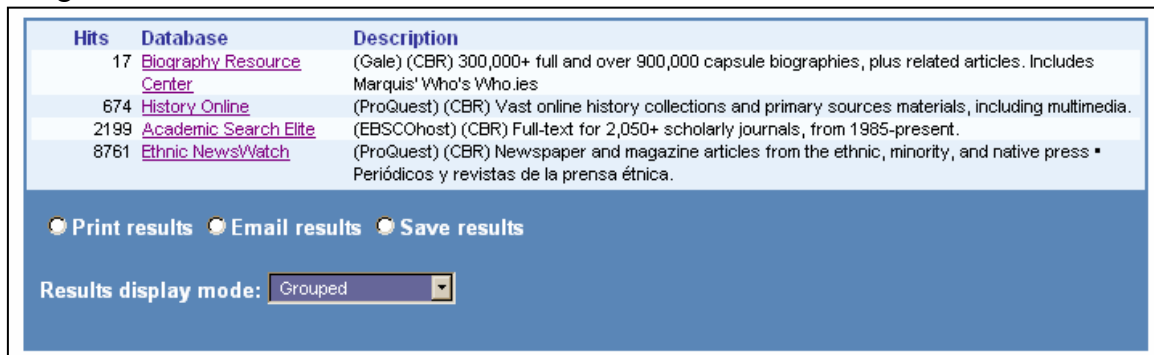
### Searching For Phrases

There is no perfect method for searching for exact phrases in One-Search since each of our databases may do exact phrase searching differently. Using “quotation marks” around your search term **may** yield beneficial results with some searches. For advanced searching, the Library Staff recommends that you use the native interface of the database for searching.

### Using Your Search Results

Because One-Search is searching multiple databases, it does take a bit of time for the federated search engine to return the results. Look to your Web browser to indicate that One-Search has completed its search -- either the right hand corner of the browser or the progress bar on the bottom. Search times will vary greatly with the number of databases searched and with varying connection speeds. The results are returned dynamically, first found delivered first, and the screen is updated dynamically until all results are in. Wait for the results to finish before proceeding.

Below is a screenshot from a search of 4 databases, on search about “Martin Luther King.” This results screen is known as the score board.



Hits	Database	Description
17	<a href="#">Biography Resource Center</a>	(Gale) (CBR) 300,000+ full and over 900,000 capsule biographies, plus related articles. Includes Marquis' Who's Who's.
674	<a href="#">History Online</a>	(ProQuest) (CBR) Vast online history collections and primary sources materials, including multimedia.
2199	<a href="#">Academic Search Elite</a>	(EBSCOhost) (CBR) Full-text for 2,050+ scholarly journals, from 1985-present.
8761	<a href="#">Ethnic NewsWatch</a>	(ProQuest) (CBR) Newspaper and magazine articles from the ethnic, minority, and native press * Periódicos y revistas de la prensa étnica.

☐ Print results ☐ Email results ☐ Save results

Results display mode: Grouped

The score board will indicate the number of hits in each selected database. You may click on the results of any specific database and link to their results (down the results' page). The citations may be printed, e-mailed, or saved. You may also select how the results are sorted in the **Results Display Mode** drop down menu. Grouping by database is the default display. The other choices are merged, de-duped, relevancy-ranked, sorted by title-author-or-date, and selected items only.

**Note:** From our OPACs (online public access catalogs) in our Libraries, the results may not be e-mailed or saved. Results will be listed in order as they appear on the scoreboard.

### Working with Results

From the list you may select a list of citations for printing or e-mail by checking the boxes next to each article, or you may simply choose to view the article.

Selecting on the blue boxes (View, etc.) will display the article in its native interface. You may now choose to print, e-mail or save the article depending on the display options in a given database.

Academic Search Elite

Results 1 to 20 of 2199

☐ Select or un-select all

1. ☐ **THE EBONY LEGENDS COLLECTION.**

Journal: Ebony

Pub.: Feb2005

Volume: 60

Issue: 4

Pages: 75

ISSN: 0012-9011

[View](#)

[Check for full-text via Article Linker](#)

2. ☐ **My Seven.**

ISSN: 0027-9358

[View](#)

[Check for full-text via Article Linker](#)

3. ☐ **'Coach Carter' wins**

[View](#)

[HTML Full Text](#)

4. ☐ **Lanier says NBA and players are fulfilling King's legacy**

[View](#)

[HTML Full Text](#)

5. ☐ **A dream for past, present**

[View](#)

[HTML Full Text](#)